

What's at stake if Republicans succeed in repealing health care reform? Thousands of Minnesotans and their families are at risk of losing vital health insurance provisions, which protect them from the worst of insurance company abuses.

For decades, thousands of Americans were forced to battle a monstrous health care system. Profit was the ultimate priority, and honoring policyholders' claims was an afterthought. Over 30 million Americans were uninsured or underinsured. For those who did have health care, insurance companies were canceling policies when policyholders got sick.

In 2010, President Obama and Congressional Democratic leadership dedicated themselves to fixing our nation's broken health care system. Last spring, Congress passed and President Obama approved the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*, and the health care system started its historic transformation.

Immediately after Republicans took office, they introduced legislation to repeal the health care reform law. Such an action will add an unnecessary \$230 billion to the national debt through 2021. Although this first attempt is purely symbolic, the ultimate goal is to destroy the law. Republicans will continue to take swipes at health care reform, slowly eroding the new rights and benefits

that Americans have secured unless the American people fight back.

If Republicans abolish health care reform, power reverts back to insurance companies where they will nickel and dime policyholders, while raking in profit and failing to provide quality health care.

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